

# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. YOR9-2000-0426 US1

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## **METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING AUTONOMOUS DISCOVERY OF POTENTIAL TRADING PARTNERS IN A DYNAMIC, DECENTRALIZED INFORMATION ECONOMY**

the specification of which

(check one) XXX is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the examination of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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The ASSIGNOR, **JAMES E. HANSON**  
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has invented certain new and useful improvements in **METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING AUTONOMOUS DISCOVERY OF POTENTIAL TRADING PARTNERS IN A DYNAMIC, DECENTRALIZED INFORMATION ECONOMY**

an invention which is fully described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by him or her this day; and

The ASSIGNEE, **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**, a New York Corporation having its principal office at Armonk, New York, wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for this invention.

For valuable and legally sufficient considerations, receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the Assignor sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the above-identified invention and application and for the full term of any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for the invention.

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